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# Honor, Student Council Aims Set Forth



Marc Stengal, left; John Elam, right

#### No Startled Gasps, Says Stengel

By Mare Stengel

The 1973-74 school year is upon us, little to the surprise of anyone in the student body.

Equally unsurprising are the annual reports and projections of ideas that tradition, at MBA, requires of each new Honor and Student Council president. As far as the plans of the Honor Council go, there is little to be said which should produce startled gasps at the school. Indeed, the foundations of the school od lie on the premises of the honor code. As a result, it is impossible to expect any sudden change, from year to year, in this foundation. Rather, this annual report on the part of the Honor Council president must be seen merely as a reminder of previous years' experience with the honor code.

The honor code, seen practically, strives to maintain the honor and integrity must be handled in the most convenient manner to all involved. There are laws to be followed, and there are those who break these laws; certainly this idea is not unique to MBA alone. However, what is unique to MBA is the lack of physical enforcement of the laws. MBA has no private police force. As a result, the only enforcement, consiste is ideological enforcement, consiste is ideological enforcement, consisting of constant reminders, intermitted the constant reminders and the constant remi

#### TOTOMOI TAPS FIVE

As a result of the spring tapping , Totomoi, MBA's honorary fraternity, possesses its largest membership in three years.

The spring tapping was carried out by members Brock Baker, Webb Earthman, Sam Fentress, Howard Frost, and Rick Ownbey. Those inducted were juniors Scott Brittain and Marc Stengel; seniors Frank Garrison and John Brooks; and Mrs. Mary Helen Lowry, a faculty member.

Founded in 1954 by Dr. R. L.

#### Elam to Use Poll, Open Meetings

By John Elam

There has been some question as to the function of the Student Council at MBA.

Referring to the Constitution of 1969, the role of the Council is threefold:

"a. to provide a forum for student expression through which each student while at Montgomery Bell Acad-emy may contribute of his sown thought and service to the continuous improve-ment of the school "b. to serve as a liaison be-tween the student body and the fa-uity as an effective representative of the de-sires and wishes of all stu-dents by serving wherever possible as an advisory committee on student poli-cies "c. to encourage a sense

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of responsibility among the
students for understanding,
appreciating, and helping
to maintain and perpetuate
the fine traditions and noble ideals of Montgomery
Bell Academy."
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As head of this Student Council, I will attempt to carry out effectively each of these object-

ives, not emphasizing or disregarding any of the three. Hopefully, we can also perform other duties such as initiating, suggesting, and encouraging student projects and activities. The focus, though, will be on listening to the student body, representing the student body, and disciplining those who demand it.

To provide a means for student expression through which each student may contribute his thoughts, this Student Council will conduct a poll dealing with specific and concrete issues, with the clear understanding that this questionnaire will in no way be a continuation of the actions of the previous Student Council. On the contrary, the results of the previous Student Council. On the contrary, the results of the plus will be positive to the student body. The meaning of "substantial support" will be established by the Student Council. The issues to appear on the poll and the exact, objective wording of the questions will be chosen by the Student Council working in conjunction with Mr. Carter and any interested faculty and students on one student council meeting for students and faculty will be held for class discussion of the student of the suces of the did frequent of the student of the condition of the contrary, the results of the previous Student Council of the previous student Council and its poll is not represent an apathetic student benefits and perhaps unterested faculty and student Council and its poll is not represent an apathetic student benefits and perhaps unterested faculty and student Council and its poll is not represent an apathetic student council and the exact, objective wording of the previous student council and its poll is not represent an apathetic student council and the case of the duestion of the dues

# Cheerleaders Prepare for Season With New Cheers and "Sparkle"

MBA's girl cheerleaders returned from a two-week cheerleading camp in St. Louis replete with "sparkle" and a desire to increase school spirit.

school spirit.

Co-captains Marcia Severance
and Currey Turner said that the
cheerleaders will be entirely new
with new uniforms and new

cheers.
Besides Marcia and Currey, the Besides Marcia and Currey, the other cheerleaders are seniors Ellen Daugherty, Amy Rich, and Gayle Dunn, and juniors Jencie Adams and Dede Johnston. All of the girls are students at Harpeth Hall.

Marcia Severance is a member of SAP sorority and a returnee from last year's squad. During the summer besides cheerleading camp she has worked at her fa-ther's business.

ther's business.

Currey Turner, the other cocaptain is also a returnee. She
hopes to attend Hollins College
in Virginia following graduation.
After college she plans to become
a veterinarian. She is a member
of Kappa sorority.

Ellen Daugherty plans to work
at the Pappagallo shoe store during the coming school year. A
member of Kappa sorority, she
hopes to continue her education
at Auburn.

at Auburn.

Amy Rich, the Pan-Rep from Kappa sorority, had just returned from a raft trip down the Colorado River at the time of the interview. During the summer she worked as a waitress at Park (Continued on Page 4)



Clockwise from top: Currey Turner, Gayle Dunn, Marcia Severance, Amy Rich, Ellen Daugherty

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turity. MBA students should be intelligent and resourceful enough to find ways to enjoy themselves without being disruptive and de-

structive.

In attempting to establish a mutual respect between the faculty and the student body, the students should realize that if we act like little boys, we might be treated like little boys. On the other hand, the faculty should realize that if they treat us like little boys, we might act like little boys.

ittle boys, we might act like little boys.
Concerning attitude, students might try to put that which upsets them at MBA in perspective with that which makes MBA the place they want to be, particularly if this is the place they plan to stav.

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#### Student Council Aims (Continued

In an attempt to represent the students, the Student Council students, the Student Council must act as a liaison between the student body and the faculty. This liaison will best be accomplished by establishing a relationship of mutual respect and understanding between the Council and the ing between the Council and the faculty and between the Council and the students. This relation will be created by the tactful communication of reasonable ideas. Student Council members ideas. Student Council members will be placed on the appropriate committees for the representation of student opinion and the students' viewpoint on questions raised by the committees. Effective representation of the students by their Student Council will depend not only on the attitude of

ive representation of the students by their Student Council will depend not only on the attitude of the Council itself, but also on the attitudes of the Student body, the faculty, and Mr. Carter.

It has been suggested that the Student Council at MBA has some power in that it has the power of expulsion, with faculty and executive approval. However, as president of this Council, I would feel much more power-dever, as president of this Council, I would feel much more power-devent and the student form of a student. Honor, cademines, discipline, and attitude, all directly or indirectly related, seem to be the four major areas in which a student can get into trouble at school.

When a student experiences serious problems in either of the latter two areas, discipline and attitude, he immediately becomes involved with the Student Council. To my mind, discipline demands not austerity in students' behavior, just a degree of ma-

# I want to stress the fact that this Student Council is not out to make any major changes in the established system at MBA. This Student Council will strive only for those minor changes which most of the students consider to be improvements in life at MBA. The students should realize that some things simply will not be changed. However, I would hope that by the end of this school year, every student not only will have questioned every aspect of his life at MBA which he considers questionable, but also will have found solid answers to his questions. It is the responsibility of the individual student to question and suggest rather than complain and demand. Perhaps then we can avoid the unnecessary tension and enjoy the stimulation of our life at MBA. Bow Places in National Congress

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John Bow, class of 1973, placed
third in the nation at the National
Student Congress held June 1721 in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.
This tremendous achievement
capped a very successful season
for Bow. In November, he and
debate partner James Brown won
first place at the annual Georgia
Invitational Debate Tournament
held at the University of Georgia.
Bow was selected the outstanding
speaker at that tournament. In
March, the team of Bow and
Brown finished second in the
NyEL. District tournament, the
qualifying meet for the national
tournament. The team that beat
them, Overton's Rocky Schrader
and Joe Tankersly, went on to the
quarter-finals at the nationals.
On May 5, the District Student
Congress was held in the state
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Congress which included participants from all over
Tennessee as well as from Mississippi and parts of Alabama, is setup to aquain interested students
with the workings of Congress.
Bills are submitted to various
committees, which decide on the
best ones for debate. The rest of
the meet is spent debating and
then voting on the bills. Bow was
selected the best speaker for the

Senate, making him eligible for the national tournament.

Bow's showing was the best ever by an MBA student in a national tournament. Because of his excellent achievements in the field of forensics, he has been awarded a partial scholarship to the University of Georgia.

In other forensics news, the first MBA-Overton Debate Workshop, directed by Mrs. Selma Ridgway and Mrs. Ann White of Overton, had 40 participants from eight local schools and a team each from Alabama and Georgia. The final day of the two-week workshop was a four-round debate tournament which was won by MBA's Steve Zager and his Overton teammate.

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Mrs. Ridgway ranked the work-shop "as good as any in the country" because of the high caliber of the instructors, one of whomwas the director of the Barkley Forum in Atlanta, one of the most distinguished speech tournaments in the country. MBA graduate Charles Bond who, as a senior went to the national NFL tournament in debate, was another of the instructors.



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#### Students Shake Apathy; More Become Involved

A recently released study by a husband-wife psychologist team shows that students who are al-lowed to participate in school affairs are less prone to drug use than those who are alienated from their schools.

The couple, Audrey and Louis Flumen, said in their doctoral dissertations that "schools have to be made a less alienating environ-ment. Students should be given a greater say in school—through student government. They should be asked their feelings on curri-

MBA has taken a positive step towards involving the student in recent years. The Student Council is finally growing to mean something as the apathy that infected students, not only at MBA but all across the country, in the sixties is being shaken off. MBA students are beginning to "get involved;" they are becoming more interested in the environment in which they spend nearly six years of their lives.

Unfortunately, the Student Council has a long way to go to achieve any real importance at MBAA Mr. Carter, when he jokingly referred to the request for pencil sharpeners and extended

privileges as "momentous" occurrences, made a valid and important point: Up until that time,
these two requests were momentools compared to the actions of
previous councils. But the longdead Student Council as a representative body was being ressurected.

Students continued to seek involvement as the year progressed.
Well as
The Student Council presented to
Mr. Carter six suggestions for improvement of the school. Continuning in this vein, the elections
took on more importance, especially in the upper grades.

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Students campaigned for office, changing the traditionally almost completely titular MBA office into something of meaning, as platforms were decided and issues

were discussed.

Elsewhere in this newspaper,
Student Council president John
Elam has set forth his plans for Elam has set forth his plans for improving the Student Council as well as MBA itself. Hopefully, with the increased interest in the school and the way it is run, the students can bring about some meaningful change as well as making this year as enjoyable as possible.

oks on more importance, essecially in the upper grades. possible citally in the upper grades. possible citally in the upper grades. possible contribute to the newspaper, either in the form of articles or a "Letters to the Editor" column. No longer will it be necessary for students who wish to write an article to be on a staff. Any student can hand in his article to any BELL RINGER editor. All views will be taken into consideration; there will be no "one-sided" reporting.

Because of the increase of student involvement and support, the editors expect that this year's newspapers will be larger than those of previous years. Hopefully, there will be no "one sheeters."

Unfortunately, the infrequency of issues dictates that news be given a rather minor role. The emphasis will be on features, with an expansion of in-depth interviewing and unusual articles. Also, the BELL RINGER is proud to announce the birth of "The Gent," an original cartoon by Will Akers. In addition, there will be an arts page edited by Rupert Palmer, which will include original-prose and-poetry-by MBA students. By giving students an outlet for their creativity, we hope to continue the work of the Blue Guitar—in a limited way, of course. All writings of this type should be submitted to Palmer.

The editors feel that these improvements will increase interest and involvement in the newspaper as well as making it a more viable publication.

#### Students Involved in Drama Workshop



Mark Kelly and John Wampler in "Mouse"

The Cheekwood Drama Workshop, which involved many MBA students and alumni, completed its fourth annual summer session both greatly expanded and im-

both greatly expanded and improved.

Through the efforts of former MBA teacher Terry Holcomb, founder and executive director of the Workshop and now resident director of the Germantown Players in Memphis, membership was increased to over 100 in all divisions, with approximately 65 in the high school and college division. About 15 of these participants were MBA students or alumni. The Tennessee Botanical Gardens and Fine Arts Center donated the use of an old caretaker's cottage, which was renovated by, and served as headquarters for the Workshop.

The staff included Holcomb, who taught playwriting and directing classes; Phil Reagan, di-

Wampler in "Mouse"
rector of dramatics at David Lipscomb College, who taught advanced and beginner's acting;
Jetta Gilligan, who taught improvisational and Readers' Theater
courses and was in charge of the
Saturday Showcases; John B.
Murrey, former director of the
Saturday Showcases; John B.
Murrey, former director of the
Asshville Children's Theater, who
taught adult classes; and Liz
Williams, who was in charge of
the Creative Dramatics division.
Due to the greatly increased
number of participants in the
Workshop, emphasis was shifted
from the weekly Saturday Showcases of sketches, scenes, and
improvisations to the final productions of larger plays. Accordingly the Cheekwood Theater
Festival was formed, consisting of
three major productions and a
special show.

The Lion Who Wouldn't.

special show.

The Lion Who Wouldn't, a musical for children directed by Murrey with choreography by

Val Moody, included recent MBA alumnus Andy Stumb, who played the Lion, and junior Bob Tosh.

The Rainmaker, a tragicomedy directed by Reagan, had in the cast alumni Jim Shapiro and John Wampler. The cast of The Mouse That Roared, a comedy directed by Holcomb, also starred Shapiro, in the male lead role as Tully Bascomb, and Wampler, along with alumni Mark Kelly and Vaden Lackey, Tosh and sophomore Oman Weiland. In addition, the Red Balloon Players, a Children's Theater group from Memphis, appeared in a special performance in the Workshop.

Other members of the Workshop from MBA who performed technical work in the Festival included alumns Mike Moynihan and senior David Wells.



Oman Weiland as Laslo

#### Armchair Moviegoers Guide

## Recent Films Reviewed

3—good
2—possibly good
1—no recommendation
1—no recommendation
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of still seeing these films "first
run," it is hoped that our recommendations will be useful in determining which movies to see in
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MAN OF LA MANCHA-4. Something is wrong but we don't know yet what it is. Sets are ex-cellent and technique seems good. Individual actors are good but the cast sometimes doesn't quite fit together. Not having seen the stage play (always an advantage to the viewer, if not to the critic) we can find little need for im-

THE POSEIDON ADVENTURE -5. An excellent, epic yet unified, suspenseful adventure with a remarkably coherent and united story line. With one possible exception (NOT Shelley Winters), acting is excellent. Technically ingonious.

THE SOUND OF MUSIC—4.

period piece; sets, script quite good. Only drawback is the weak-ness of Ryan O'Neal, especially when his daughter and the minor

characters shine so brightly.
HITLER: THE LAST TEN
DAYS—3. Here again something
is wrong. The young officer does
not fulfill as important a function

The following films seen recently we have chosen to grade, with comments, on a five-point scale as follows:

5—extremely good
4—very good
2—possibly good
1—no recommendation
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SOUNDER—4. An excellent depiction of a kind of life not often touched upon. A period piece, and a good one, with perhaps only one jarring element. Acting all fine; parts are perhaps a bit didactic. See it with a friend. THE WORLD'S GREATEST ATHLETE—3. At times over-cute, over-typical, and over-disinified (sic), this film does display moments of brilliance. Humorous and good for "family entertainment."

#### ABOUT THE ARTS PAGE

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This "page" of the BELL RINGER is dedicated to "The Arts," that nebulous term used to lump together literature, drama, music, and "art" as such—painting, drawing, sculpture, etc. Concern for "The Arts" at MBA has only recently been revived, and although the Arts program suffered a serious setback in the past school year, there is much hope that this yeare will be effort to obtain recognition and appreciation for the Arts at MBA.

It should be stated here and now that whatever opinions are expressed in any of the articles on this page represent no more than their authors' own belief. They do not necessarily represent the opinions of the editors of this page or this paper or those of the management of this school.

We hope to have several regular features on this page; we will have more regular features and special articles as we obtain more staff members. Those features now planned include the editor's column, THE BINOCULAH; "The Armchair Moviegoers' Guide for 1975," and perhaps a similar arrangement for records; a regular television review; and when possible a Guest Editorial on the Arts and Society written by a noted figure, usually one outside the immediate school family. We also plan to print some original poetry and short fiction.

At this moment we are short on staff members. WE NEED PEO-PLE to write book reviews, television and film reviews, drama reviews and articles, music reviews, and articles on general or specific topics related to the Arts. We also need WRITING to publish, particularly poetry and short fiction. If YOU wish to help, please attend our first meeting and/or get in touch with the editor.



#### APATHY AND ACTIVITY: A TIRADE

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By Bob Tosh

Quite a few members of last year's student body had, to be frank, a heck of a lot of gall to launch a supposed Biltakrieg against established school policy in the form of a vague set of resolutions and a devil-may-care, terrificly officious article in this honorable column a few months ago. Rather than the hoped-for dawning of a mild kind of Students' Rights Revolution, what took place in its stead was a pen-to-pen, mouth-to-mouth battle either to defend haphazard, poorly executed tactics or to fight to the death to uphold "time-honored" institutions that gravely need updating.

In its aftermath two attitudes have become widespread: utter contusion, which is relatively easy to correct; and apathy, which is not so easy to correct.

Apathy has been a natural result of many an idealistic, ideological conflict in the past (viz., World War I, the antiwar movement, the McGovern campaign) in which a courageously fought battle ends in the opposite result and, hence, frustration. In the case of MEA's abortive Rights Revolution, apathy resulting from a temporary "defeat" may cause more damage to the school than any imagined ruin implied toward student activistis demands by opposition forces. This apathy might possibly be felt in any area from grades to participation in school activities to attendance at football games.

Alas, there is too much abstract criticism and too few concrete suggestions in this troubled world to provide anyone comfort from visions of Doomsday, dirty laundry, or other assorted fecal matters; a solution of the school. The school of the control of the control

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#### Save the GAME

By Randy Bibb

Today it seems that people are finally beginning to care about their environment and heritage. Therefore it is strange that no one around MBA appears to care about the decline and fall of one of our most cherished landmarks, one of the blocks-of-granite on which MBA was founded: General Athletics.

This past summer we have been faced by the collapse in the credibility of the executive branch of government, the horrors of strip mining, an attempt to save one of the few remaining natural areas around Nashville, and other signs of our deteriorating society. But the worst disaster is yet to come.

The General Athletics program may completely go by the boards this year. GA was originally formed for those students who lacked enough talent to participate in the varsity sports program. Later, under the direction of Mr. Terry Holcomb, Mr. Thomas Young, and Mr. Sam Turner, GA became highly enjoyable and fiercely competitive. The spirit of pure competition ran through all participants no matter what their athletic talent might have been.

Three years ago, when Holcomb left MBA, the Fall GA program suffered a complete collapse. Its demise is linked to that old demon Apathy. Holcomb had created the General Athletics Football League (GAFL), a wonderful concept which generated interest in GA touch football. Today Fall GA is dreaded more than anything except themes. This spring is going to be the crucial point for the General Athletics program at MBA. In the past few years the Spring GA program of basketball hasolection (GABA), with its own league, schedule, and newsletter, the GABA News. But Young and Turner have returned to college and will not be around this year.

What will become of the GABA? Will it go the route of the GAPIC and the Passenger Pigeor? Will it sucumb to the apathy of students and teachers? What can be done to save the GABA and the General Athletics from Meaningless Extinction (Save the GAME). Fund. This fund is different from other non-profit from shall profit us all.

Save General Athletics

## **Sports Capsules**

The team finished with a total of 614, 13 strokes ahead of the second place team, Johnson City.

second place team, Jonnson City.
Despite the loss of seniors Webb
Earthman, David Matthews, and
David McAlister, this year's squad
should have another outstanding
year. Leading the team will be
Morgan and Jamie Cowan as well
as juniors Dan Earthman and
Huth Establis. as juniors Dan Hugh Entrekin.

Walter Morgan placed third in the Music City Golf Association



Walter Morgan holds his third place MCGA trophy.

Junior Flight Tournament and led the opening round of the Tennessee State Junior golf tour-

nament.
Hugh Entrekin won the first
flight and the driving contest in
the state tournament.

Garnett Reid was named to the
ali-NIL baseball team as a first
baseman. He was a leading batter
for the Nashville Shoetiques
which competed in the World
Series

Series.

Eddie Gillum placed 11th in the
200-meter backstroke in the Junior Olympics at Ann Arbor, Mich.

#### Chess News

The chess team has been busy this summer although there have not been any school-related tour-

naments.

In July, Johnny Moore and Bruce Sterns participated in the Music City Summer Chess Tournament. Both finished respectfully in the top half of the tournament.

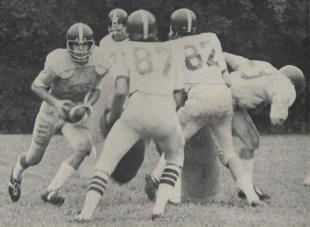
Sterns and Miller Batson have

nament.

Sterns and Miller Batson have been contending with out-of-staters in the Golden Nights Postal Chess Tournament. Competition is by mail with each participant simultaneously playing six opponents from all over the country. Although hampered somewhat by the loss of president Sam Pentress and seniors Bill Harbison and Peter Jacobson, the team is confident that they will do well this coming year. Two bright prospects are jumior Steve Ellis and senior Joel Koenig, who has been studying chess strategy and tactics this summer.

The last summer tournament was the Tennessee Open, September 1-3.

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#### **CHEERLEADERS**

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Manor. She plans to attend either the University of Alabama or the University of Alabama or the University of Georgia.

Gayle Dunn hopes to attend Vanderbilt University and become a physiologist. She is chaplain for Kappa sorority and is the Delta Sigma national sweetheart. During the summer she had her French pen-pal "sister" Francoise Sarraf for a three-week visit. Gayle met her while spending her winterim term at the Sarraf's home in France.

The two juniors on the squad were busy travelling and were not in town at the time of the interview. Jencic Adams was in Canada for a month-and-a-half trip. She is a member of Kappa sorority. Dede Johnston was in Florida vacationing at press time. She has been a runner-up in the Miss Teenage Tennessee Pageant.

At the St. Louis camp for cheer-leaders, our corps won the "most improved" award out of the hirty-two groups participating. Currey Turner said that they were the "novelty" of the camp. "We were the farthest from the St. Louis area. They found our Southern accent quite a novelty." Other than losing Amy Rich's suitcase the camp was a great success. "We learned about twentynew 'chants' and six new 'major' cheers,' said Marcia Severance,'' said Marcia Severance, The gritine which wal is Suncekethuling the laftime of a bashed severance of the provided of the laftime of a bashed severance.

corked during the halftime of a basketball game.
Only one obstacle seems to stand in the girls' path this year. Ellen Daugherty put it this way: "We might have a little trouble with the stunts this year. It seems that all the boys are shorter than we are."

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